

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 12, 31 and 44 were pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 2 and 31 have been canceled. The remarks made herein are designed to place the case in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the remarks made herein be entered and fully considered.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of written description. Specifically, the Examiner has maintained the arguments set forth in the previous Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, and in no way acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove any variants, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the foregoing 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection over claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement, over the recitation of sequence variants and fragments. Specifically, the Examiner has maintained the arguments set forth in the previous Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, and in no way acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove any variants, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the foregoing 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection over claims 1, 3-7, 31 and 44.

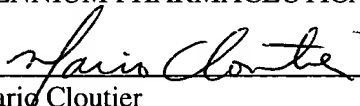
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections presented by the Examiner are now overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

It is believed that this paper is being filed timely and that a one month extension of time is required. In the event any additional extensions of time are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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